

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting Via Zoom # 892 9976 4605

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Vice-Chair Lee Konicki; Commission Members: Ron Coderre, and Dawn Krasnecky; Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre and Putnam Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback.

Absent: Commission Member Doug Taylor

Chairman opened meeting at 9:10 a.m.

1. Approval of Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes April 12, 2022*: Vice-Chairman Konicki motioned to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

2. Report of Expenditures – April 2022: Expenditures were reviewed.

3. New Business: a) **Sever Pharmaceuticals:** Director Very shared she met owners of Sever Pharmaceuticals. They have purchased the building known as Foster Delivery Science, located at 36 Ridge Road. Renovations have started.

4. Old Business: a) **Putnam Trails Hosting Public Meeting:** Putnam Trails Committee will host a public meeting on the proposed connection between Putnam and Thompson on Tuesday, May 24th at 6pm in the Municipal Complex Community Room.

b) **Cannabis:** Director has been working with Town Administrator, Town Counsel and Land Use Agent Fitzback. Board of Selectmen have shown support. Support from the Zoning Board will be sought.

c) **S.W.O.T. Analysis Activity:** Discussion ensued identifying “Threats”. The following threats were identified: Unmotivated prime property owners; Loss of past investments i.e., Rivertrail; Lack of funding to maintain infrastructure; Lack of funding to maintain amenities; Lack of students in the High School; Lack of parking enforcement; Lack of interest and participation in Community Boards; Complacency; Diversity of business; and downtown visual barriers. The Director invited all to email any further threats they want included.

d) **CT Community Challenge Grant Update:** The agenda item is a Redevelopment Agency project; and was reported in the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

5. Updates: **Beautification Day:** Director reported it was a successful day. Next year pick-up trucks will be used in lieu of parking dump trucks to pick up trash. **Eastern Regional Tourism District (E.R.T.D):** The Northeast is separating from Mystic

Country brand and the new brand is between Scenic Northeast or Green Valley Country. The E.R.T.D. board is scheduled to vote on the new brand May 12th. **Quest Diagnostics** will be leasing near the D.M.V in the Putnam Parkade, Providence Pike. **Chickering building** downtown has been leased.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment*: Member Coderre motioned to adjourn, seconded by member Krasnecky. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre

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